



2023 Soil and Water Resource Management Joint Grant Application Instructions

Land and Water Resources Bureau

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2023 APPLICATION UPDATES

Staffing Grants

- Staffing awards will be similar to 2022.

Bond Grants

- 2022 showed a significant increase in transferred funds. We are continuing to evaluate spending patterns to help inform our allocation decisions.
- With prior DATCP approval, you may use SEG funds for bond projects. This is especially true for capital projects completed in support of a nutrient management plan (i.e. grassed waterways).

SEG Grants

- **New for the 2023 application:** we are asking you to tally activities that demonstrate your county's focus on nutrient management planning and implementation (See page 12 for more details). The total of these activities will be used as a criteria in determining the SEG allocation, along with Farmland Preservation participation, impaired waters, and previous performance.
- Counties can continue to use up to 50% of their SEG allocation for nutrient management plan implementation without the need for preapproval from DATCP.

SEG Innovation Grants (if funds are available)

- DATCP's focus for 2023 will be on soil health / regenerative agriculture efforts.
- The \$2,000 per operator cap has been removed.

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SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED GRANT APPLICATIONS

DATCP

E-mail SWRM grant applications to DATCP by April 15, 2022:

1. Electronically sign Excel spreadsheet

(Note: A scanned PDF of the signed application is not required.)

2. Email completed application to:

datcpswrms@wisconsin.gov

For questions about the DATCP application, contact:

Kim Carlson at (608) 224-4610,

Kim.Carlson@wisconsin.gov

Susan Mockert at (608) 224-4648,

Susan.Mockert@wisconsin.gov

DNR

Submit paper and electronic copies of DNR TRM and UNPS construction grant applications by April 15, 2022, using the following address:

Department of Natural Resources

Attn: Runoff Mgmt. Grant Coordinator - WT/3

101 South Webster Street

P.O. Box 7921

Madison, WI 53707-7921

For questions about DNR grant, contact Joanna Griffin at (608)264-8953

Joanna.Griffin@wisconsin.gov

DATCP GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW POLICIES

STAFFING GRANTS

- Counties will receive a minimum grant award of \$75,000 under Tier 1, and may qualify for additional funding under Tier 2 for eligible positions.
- Through Tier 2, DATCP will attempt to provide counties with funding at the rate of 100%, 70% and 50% to pay for three staff positions based on actual costs for those positions, subject to the eligibility requirements for funding a county's first position (see page 7 for requirements). Based on recent allocations, and unless additional funds are appropriated, DATCP anticipates that it will fund fewer than three positions and will need to prorate awards.
- Counties may seek reimbursement for (i) county staff and LTEs who perform soil and water conservation work at the rates provided in s. 92.14, Stats. and (ii) 100% of eligible training and support costs up to 10% of a county's annual grant allocation.
- In addition to the support costs identified in s. ATP 50.32(4), DATCP identifies the following as support costs for which all counties may seek reimbursement:
 - If a county requires a cost-share practice for a landowner who may qualify for economic hardship treatment under s. ATP 50.42(4), a county may seek reimbursement for the costs related to an eligibility determination, including the costs of a certified public accountant or accredited financial institution preparing a financial statement.
 - If an archaeological or cultural resource assessment or endangered species assessment is required at a cost-share project site, then a county may seek reimbursement of the full cost under the category of a support cost. (As an alternative, counties may recover these costs as part of cost-share reimbursement at the 70 or 90 percent rate).
 - Conservation-related mapping or data collection (e.g. Lidar) or site investigations.

BOND COST-SHARE GRANTS

DATCP plans to set aside about 20 percent of available funds to award \$10,000 base grants to each county. DATCP will use data in its possession to award the remaining 80% to counties based on the following criteria (the anticipated percent of total funding available in each category is shown in parenthesis but DATCP may vary these percentages when making awards):

- Three-year cumulative under-spending percentage (20%). Note: The 2023 grant cycle marks the final year of a three-year pilot where we are not including extended underspending. We have made the decision to incorporate this change into allocations moving forward.
- County land in farms by acres based on most recent Ag Census data (20%).
- A three-year cumulative total dollar amount spent on cost-shared practices (40%).

SEG COST-SHARE GRANTS

Applications will be ranked using a 100 point scale based on the following four criteria (maximum point totals are listed for each category):

1. Up to 20 points for having one or more Farmland Preservation zoning and AEA areas within the county, fulfilling the priority required by Wis. Stats. s. 92.14(6)(c).
2. Up to 20 points based on the extent of impaired waters located in each county, fulfilling the priority required by Wis. Stats. s. 92.14(6)(c).
3. Up to 30 points based on a county's demonstrated commitment to nutrient management planning through the following: staff agronomist, staff NM specialist, including NM planning strategy in LW Resource Management Plan, and other related measures (**3rd tab on application spreadsheet**).
4. Up to 30 points based on a county's three-year total positive spending on NM cost-sharing and NMFE in the prior year (2021). Positive spending includes funds spent cost-sharing practices in the grant year and does not include funds that a county extends into the next year or transfers to another county.

SEG INNOVATION GRANTS

The SEG Innovation Grants are a competitive grant process, if funding is available. A committee will review and score each application based on the criteria outlined below.

- Application completeness. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for funding.
- The adequacy of the project plan, timeline and budget.
- Additional funding or partnerships supporting the proposal/project.
- The connection of the project to the DATCP-identified focus
- The ability for the project to be replicated successfully in other counties (if applicable).
- The ability to meet DATCP's need for conservation program support services (if applicable).
- The extent to which the proposed project will help reduce erosion and improve water quality.
- The management and technical qualifications, including past performance, of the grant applicant.
- The sustainability of a newly established program.

DATCP GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

PREREQUISITES FOR ELIGIBILITY

2022 Work Plan

All counties applying for DATCP funds must submit a work plan by April 15, 2022 that accurately describes their planned activities for 2022. Counties must use the most current template for their work plans. Counties may comply with this requirement by submitting a 2021 work plan with LWRM plan revisions.

If you have questions regarding this process, you may contact Lisa Trumble at 608-224-4617, Lisa.Trumble@wisconsin.gov.

2021 Annual Report

To be eligible for 2023 funding, your county must electronically submit its 2021 Annual Report to DATCP. You will receive instructions that explain what you must submit. If you have questions regarding this process, you may contact Coreen Fallat, 608-224-4625, Coreen.Fallat@wisconsin.gov

All DATCP grant application materials are available on the web:

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SWRMSect6.aspx.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

First Box on the Application – Insert your county name on the first line.

NOTE: After completing the application, you will have your LCC Chair or other Authorized County Representative approve the application by typing his or her name in the space provided (this constitutes an electronic signature), inserting that person's title, and including the date.

First position eligibility requirements.

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To be claimed as a first position, a staff person must be a department head, technician or engineer, and must spend 95% or more of his or her time on “qualifying conservation activities.” The following conservation activities are considered qualifying:

1. Providing technical assistance to farmers and landowners regarding soil and water management.
2. Designing and installing conservation practices.
3. Implementing NR 151 performance standards.
4. Monitoring and securing conservation compliance for the Farmland Preservation Program.
5. Administering livestock and manure management ordinances including permit approvals.
6. Implementing construction site and storm water management.
7. Carrying out soil and water management components (e.g. reclamation plans for non-metallic mines) in connection with other permitting.
8. Entering into and monitoring CREP agreements and easements.
9. Conducting tree and seed sales only if it supports specific conservation purpose.
10. Preparing strategic and work plans related to soil and water resource management activities.

Managers who supervise staff performing the ten activities listed above may count this supervisory work as a qualifying activity. Managers may also count policy development, program management, or budget decisions as a qualifying activity as long as these management actions involve the ten activities. To be claimed as a first position, a technician or engineer must maintain the appropriate credentials including engineering practitioner certification to perform technical functions involving conservation.

The following are not “qualifying conservation activities” for the purposes of seeking 100 percent funding for the first position, even though they may be included by a county in its DATCP-approved LWRM plan:

1. Performing park maintenance and operational activities, including mowing or other grounds activities, and repair of park structures and buildings.
2. Performing zoning activities including those related to onsite property inspections, required lot line and other setbacks, septic system inspection, and parcel subdivision, and permitting unrelated soil and water management (e.g. non-metallic mining except for reclamation plans, conditional use permits for rural residences).
3. Processing wildlife damage claims.
4. Conducting outreach and education activities related to aquatic and terrestrial invasive species. (NOTE: DATCP will provide reimbursement for activities such as invasive species outreach and education as long as these are consistent with priorities in a county’s land and water resource management plan.)
5. Implementing or managing land records and information unrelated to conservation, recycling, Clean Sweep, or other county programs that receive, or are eligible for support from state and local sources other than the DATCP and DNR allocations for soil and water resource management.

Managers who supervise staff performing the five activities listed above are likewise ineligible to claim their supervisory work as a qualifying activity. Likewise, managers may not count policy development, program management, or budget decisions as qualifying work if these management actions fall within the areas.

SECTION I: STAFFING / PLANNING GRANTS

Go to Table 1. Information entered into Table 1 will autofill into Section I of the SWRM Application.

Application Guidance: Completing Table 1 and Requesting Tier 2 funding

1. Identify all employees and contractors (including part-time staff) who performed soil and water resource management activities under the direction of the LCC in 2021.
2. Arrange the positions in descending order, starting with the first position for which you are requesting 100% funding and the second position for which 70% funding is requested.
3. The text box on page 8 outlines requirements for the first positions. If a county has one or more staff persons ineligible for funding as a first position, the county may claim the person as a second position funded by DATCP at a maximum of 70 percent. While the second position has no requirement related to full time conservation work, the county will need to reduce the eligible salary and fringe benefits for the position by the percentage of the time spent on non-conservation activities.
4. Insert the county name in Table 1, and then complete the following for each position (FTE, LTE or IC) hired by the county to perform soil and water conservation work in 2021.

POSITION TITLE: From the list of titles on the bottom of the page, please select the position description that best describes each position listed, inserting the corresponding letter A-E.

STATUS: Using the drop down menu, identify the status of each position from the following selections: full time permanent employee-FTE, limited term employee-LTE, or independent contractor-IC. Include the actual fill date for a position hired in 2021 or the anticipated fill date for a position to be hired after 2021. See box on page 10. County staff positions vacant for more than one year cannot be included.

SALARY OR FEE: Provide the salary or fee paid for each position listed based on actual costs incurred in 2021, unless the position is vacant or new. See box on page 10.

FRINGE: Provide fringe benefits for each employee listed based on actual costs incurred in 2021, unless the position is vacant or new. Please Note: Enter only those fringe amounts that are paid with county funds and do not include employee contributions for health care, retirement, etc.

% TIME SPENT: Determine percent (round to the nearest whole number) of time that each position performs soil and water conservation work. As described in s. ATCP 50.32(3) (a), this work includes activities under this chapter, ch. 91, Stats., and s. 93.90, Stats., the CREP program, and projects funded by DNR under ss. 281.65 and 281.66, Stats., and activities related to DNR notices of discharge under ch. NR 243. Additional restrictions as described above apply to the first position. Not all activities listed in a county's approved Land and Water Resource Management Plans may qualify.

ELIGIBLE STAFFING COSTS: Locked Formula

SUM OF FOURTH AND MORE POSITIONS: Locked Formula

Check to see if the total eligible costs are correctly tabulated by manually adding salary and fringe and multiplying the percent of time spent on conservation activities.

Please **leave column “G” blank**. The spreadsheet automatically calculates the sum of fourth and subsequent positions.

Since the electronic version of Table 1 is directly linked with Section I, part 2.A. on the grant application form, your staffing grant request is automatically calculated. You may wish to visually confirm that amounts in column F in Table 1 transferred to appropriate locations for the first, second and third positions on the grant application.

DATCP may request that counties make available additional documentation to substantiate a position’s eligibility.

Vacant Position

You cannot list the salary and benefits of an employee if that person retired or left employment during 2021. If the employee’s position was re-filled in 2021, or will be re-filled in 2022, you should select from either of the two options below.

Positions not yet hired.

If you are requesting funding to fill a first or second position that is vacant, you must include the expected fill date, list the expected salary and benefits in Columns C and D, and be prepared to provide appropriate documentation, which may include a commitment to hire the position in 2022 (e.g. county approval to hire) or proof that the position was in fact hired including the salary and fringe benefits provided. DATCP may disallow a funding request if the required information is not provided.

Positions employed for part of the year.

For a first or second position filled only part of a year, you may project the position’s salary and benefits as if the person were employed for a full year, and list these values in Columns C and D. You also must provide an explanation of how you calculated the projected salaries and benefits in the yellow highlighted space provided on the bottom of Table 1.

Verification and correction of staffing data in Table 1

Counties should exercise great care in verifying the salary and fringe benefit information provided in Table 1. After the April 15, 2022 grant application deadline, a county can only make changes to Table 1 under the following conditions:

Counties will be given the opportunity to review and approve all data submitted prior to funds being allocated, to correct the staffing data they submitted with their grant application, and thereby revise

their grant application. Within this period, DATCP will provide each county with a table listing the staffing data upon which the preliminary allocation will be based. If the county concludes that the data is correct, it does not need to take further action. However, if a county determines that the information sent by DATCP is not accurate, the county will need to do the following to correct its original submission:

- a) The county must provide adequate documentation verifying the salary and benefits for the first, second or third position. This documentation may include a payroll documentation breaking down staffing costs for that position on a weekly or monthly basis.
- b) The chief financial officer (CFO) is not required to sign the original application, but must certify that the revised salary and benefits are accurate, and must explain the steps the county will institute to avoid providing DATCP inaccurate information on staff salary costs on future grant applications.

If a county does not follow these procedures, DATCP will not adjust the staffing data provided in the original grant application. Following the release of the preliminary allocation, DATCP will not accept requests to modify a county's staffing grant allocation unless the request will result in a reduced staffing grant allocation for the county.

SECTION II: COST-SHARE GRANTS

DATCP BOND COST-SHARE GRANTS

Your request for DATCP cost-share grants should accurately reflect anticipated need. DATCP will review annual grant requests and transfers for consistency with a county's annual work plan.

To apply for funding, counties should enter the dollar amount of their bond request in Section II, line number 1, *SWRM Appl* tab.

DATCP SEG COST-SHARE GRANTS

The priority uses of SEG funds will be for nutrient management (NM) planning and cropping practices to support NM plan implementation and soil erosion control. (See **Other Allowable Uses of SEG Funds** and **SEG Innovation Grants below**).

To apply for funding, counties should enter the dollar amount of their SEG request in Section II, line number 2. The application does not require you to include your calculations based on the number of acres cost-shared at a specific rate. Funds to implement nutrient management and other cropping practices to support NM, soil erosion control, and soil health should follow the requirements in ATCP 50 and cost-sharing policies. (See **Other Allowable Uses of SEG Funds** and **SEG Innovation Grants below**).

NEW

Please see the tab named NM Programming. There is a list of activities which may demonstrate the county's commitment to NM planning and implementation. These activities including having a staff agronomist, having a staff NM specialist, including NM planning and implementation in your 2022 workplan, supporting NUE projects, providing educational opportunities related to NM planning, soil testing or plan renewal. There is also the opportunity to list other activities not already listed that demonstrate your county's commitment to NM planning and implementation. Please type "yes" next to all options that are currently true of your county. We will use this information in evaluating the allocation of SEG funds.

Other Allowable Uses of SEG Funds

Cropping practices to support nutrient management, soil erosion control, and soil health

Without prior approval by DATCP, a county **may use up to 50 percent** of the county's annual SEG cost-share allocation on the following practices used to implement a NM plan:

- ✓ 50.67, Contour farming
- ✓ 50.68, Cover and green manure crop
- ✓ 50.82, Residue management
- ✓ 50.89, Strip-cropping

Additional practices may be allowed with written approval from DATCP.

Unless otherwise approved by DATCP, the landowner must submit a nutrient management plan checklist covering the cropland where the soft practice is installed.

Using SEG Funds for Select Bond Projects

With preapproval from DATCP, a county may use SEG funds to cost-share select practices including grassed waterways, manure storage and other bondable practices related to NM plan implementation. A limit of 50% of a county's 2023 allocated SEG dollars can be used for this purpose, unless an exception is approved by DATCP. To secure DATCP approval to use SEG for a bondable practice, a county must submit the following before signing the cost-share contract with a landowner or operator:

- A request to DATCP identifying the practices to be installed and the DATCP cost-share dollars needed to cost-share the practices;
- Documentation in the form of a completed NM plan checklist establishing that the cost-shared practices will be installed on a farm that has a NM plan; and
- An explanation of why SEG funding is needed to cost-share the identified practices. The county should explain why other funds (including DATCP bond funds) are not available and the resource concern or priority the practice is designed to address.
- Written DATCP approval must be submitted by the county to obtain reimbursement.

Questions regarding payment for NM support practices should be directed to Kim Carlson, kim.carlson@wisconsin.gov , 608-224-4610 or Susan Mockert, susan.mockert@wisconsin.gov , 608-224-4648.

SECTION III: FINANCIAL REPORT OF COUNTY LCD EXPENDITURES FOR 2021

On the tab entitled *SWRM Appl*, Counties should complete the following steps:

- 1 A. Enter the total amount of all LCD expenditures in 2021. Enter all expenditures administered by the LCD, including staff salaries and fringe benefits, other LCC and LCD operating costs, cost-sharing expenditures (e.g., NPS watershed projects, county cost-share programs, etc.) and any other expenditures regardless of the source of funding.
 - 1 B. Enter the total expenditure from all non-county sources of revenue. Count revenues from DATCP, DNR TRM, DNR Wildlife Damage Control, USDA NRCS, foundations, EQIP, etc.
 - 1 C. This box is locked because it contains a formula. It subtracts Line 2 from Line 1 and the amount on this line should reflect funding from county sources, such as levies and fees.
 - 1 D. Enter the actual amount of salary and fringe benefits paid from budgeted county source funds. (Line 1.D. cannot exceed line 1.C.).
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FUNDING FOR 2021 COUNTY STAFF

Counties should enter the number of 2021 FTE, LTE, IC staff funded by the following categories: County, DATCP SWRM Grant Program, and All Other. If a staff person worked less than 40 hours per week or worked in areas other than conservation (e.g. zoning), the staff person should be assigned a number of less than one, reflecting the reduced percentage of qualifying work. The total number of staff should be equal to or close to equal to the sum of FTEs, LTEs and ICs listed in Table 1. (The Total Box is locked because it contains a formula.)

SECTION IV: SEG INNOVATION GRANTS (OPTIONAL, FOURTH TAB OF APPLICATION SPREADSHEET)

Approximately \$250,000 may be available to counties as part of this competitive allocation using funds appropriated under s. 20.115 (7)(qf), Wis. Stats. Individual projects will be generally be capped at \$50,000, although DATCP may award a grant over this amount based on the scope of the project (i.e. multiple counties). In order to maximize the distribution of funding, DATCP awards may be less than the amount requested.

The 2023 Innovation Grant focus will be on projects encouraging Soil Health and Regenerative Agriculture practices that actively restore water and soil quality, biodiversity, and ecosystem health while retaining productive lands. We are interested in seeing projects that combine outreach and practice implementation, educating and incentivizing with the hope of encouraging long-term adoption of conservation practices. Examples of such projects could be:

- Incentives for practices that increase resiliency to climate change (i.e. precision ag, no-till)
- Programs which reduce the use of artificial fertilizers (i.e. NUE testing and follow-up)

- Programs which promote soil health and biodiversity (i.e. cover crops)
- Incorporating grazing management into crop production systems
- Incentives for landowners entering into Farmland Preservation Program agreements in Agricultural Enterprise Areas (*Must be discussed with Wednesday Jordan at DATCP prior to submitting*)

Ineligible Projects and Expenses

- Support of county conservation staff salaries or benefits (prohibited under s. 20.115 (7)(qf))
- Additional Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant funds (prohibited under s. 20.115 (7)(qf))
- Real estate purchases
- Repayment of loans or mortgages
- Equipment purchases, construction or capital expenses (bond projects)
- Lobbying, fundraising or other political activity

To apply for SEG Innovation Funding, complete the Innovation Grant Application in the Joint Application spreadsheet. Feel free to attach additional information if needed or to reach out to Susan Mockert to discuss your project idea prior to submittal.

ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING: STATEWIDE COOPERATORS AND OTHER PROJECTS

Sec. ATCP 50.35, Wis. Admin. Code, establishes the procedures for the award and administration of grant funds to recipients whose activities and projects further Chapter 92 goals. Sec. ATCP 50.35(3) specifically allows for a one-year extension of funded projects to enable grant recipients to spend unused funds and complete work required by a project.

GRANTS FOR NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

DATCP will continue to make funding available for applicants who demonstrate a “statewide” capacity to accomplish one or both the following: (1) Maintain and improve the Soil Nutrient Application Program –Plus (SNAP-Plus); (2) Expand and support nutrient management planning through education, outreach and project implementation.

Specific requirements and conditions for these grant awards are spelled out in separate application materials, which can be downloaded from this DATCP website, https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SWRMSect6.aspx.

Contact Mark Witecha, (608) 224-9028, MarkJ.Witecha@wisconsin.gov to discuss NM support needs and contact Jennifer Heaton-Amrhein, (608) 224-4634, Jennifer.HeatonAmrhein@wisconsin.gov with questions about the funding process.

GRANTS FOR OTHER PROJECT COOPERATORS SUPPORTING STATEWIDE CONSERVATION NEEDS

DATCP makes annual awards to cooperators for projects that provide “statewide” support or other unique benefits that enhance our state conservation delivery system. Historically, DATCP has provided funding to cooperators for technical standards development and provision of training. DATCP’s focus for 2023 is continued training support for conservation staff and support of efforts to provide information and outreach, support for the work of the Standards Oversight Council, technical assistance and innovative ways to implement state conservation priorities.

Funding for cooperators is designed to achieve these goals: (a) provide a cost-effective approach to addressing and resolving high priority problems (i.e. nonpoint and groundwater pollution), (b) ensure a systematic and comprehensive approach to address soil erosion and water quality problems such as nonpoint runoff or groundwater concerns, (c) contribute to a coordinated soil and water resource management program and avoid duplication of effort, and (d) help meet county soil and water resource management needs and state program requirements.

Requests for funding must be submitted no later than April 15, 2022 and should include all of the following as part of an application:

- A realistic request for funding consistent with prior awards provided by DATCP for similar projects in this funding category.

- A detailed description of the project that includes an appropriate work plan describing planned activities with anticipated outcomes that can be measured, a timeline for completion of the project components, and a budget describing the use of the funds requested as well as any outside funding leveraged (if applicable).
- If this is expected to be an ongoing request, a 3 year estimate of ongoing needs.
- A justification that explains how the proposed project will meet one or more of the funding goals listed above.
- For questions about funding opportunities, contact Jennifer Heaton-Amrhein, 608-224-4634, Jennifer.HeatonAmrhein@wisconsin.gov. To submit an application, e-mail your proposal requesting funding and accompanying documents to Kim Carlson, Kim.Carlson@Wisconsin.gov.

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT FARMER EDUCATION (NMFE) GRANTS

The NMFE Program will offer two funding tiers with a \$20,000 maximum award for Tier 1 and a \$2,500 maximum for Tier 2. Entities interested in this funding should review the instructions and application materials available separately from the NMFE program website, https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/NMFEGrants.aspx.

Contact Andrea Topper, (608) 224-4604, andrea.topper@wisconsin.gov with questions about NMFE program curriculum, program design to submit application materials.

BOND FUNDING FOR DNR AND DATCP COST-SHARING RESERVE

DATCP and DNR have set aside funds in separate reserves for cost-sharing projects intended to resolve discharges on farms.

NOTICE OF DISCHARGE (NOD) AND NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) PROJECTS

To apply for NOD or NOI funds, counties must use an application process separate from this application. Go to the DNR website for additional information, <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/NOD.html> (Copy and paste address into your browser).

The first round of applications is due April 15. Up to three additional grant rounds may be available. See the DNR website for the annual schedule.

DATCP will participate in the evaluation of the first round of grant applications, and then will make separate funding decisions regarding any remaining amounts in its engineering reserve.

Contact Mike Gilbertson at DNR, (608) 267-7628, Mike.Gilbertson@wisconsin.gov, or Matt Woodrow at DATCP, (920) 427-8508, Matthew.Woodrow@wisconsin.gov.

CONSERVATION ENGINEERING RESERVE

DATCP has set aside funds in an engineering reserve. The priority for the reserve funds is cost-sharing projects that help resolve discharges on farms. If funds remain available in the reserve after priority farm projects have been addressed, funds from the reserve may be used to provide assistance to other large-scale, priority conservation projects.

DATCP recommends applying for the engineering reserve funds as early as possible in the year for the best chance to receive funding. To apply for these funds, contact DATCP engineering staff for a project evaluation. With the engineer, complete [Form ARM-LWR-385](#) for engineering approval of the project. Submit this form, signed by the DATCP engineer, and a copy of the draft cost-share contract, to SWRM program staff. Approved projects will be sent a transfer approval form which must be signed by the county Land Conservation Committee before being returned to DATCP for final approval. Awarded funds will be added to your bond allocation, and may be extended for one year. All requests are due to SWRM staff by December 1, 2022.

DNR TRM AND UNPS CONSTRUCTION GRANTS 2023

- To apply for **Targeted Runoff Management Grants** use the grant application forms and instructions available at this website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/TargetedRunoff.html>.
- To apply for **Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management Construction Grants** use the grant application form and instructions available at this website: <https://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/UrbanNonpoint.html>.

The applications are due on April 15, 2022 for projects beginning in 2023. The application form and instructions are available at the above listed websites.

For questions about DNR grants, contact **Joanna Griffin, (608) 264-8953, joanna.griffin@wisconsin.gov**.

FUNDING SOURCES AND DISCLAIMER

Grants from DATCP (Authorized by s. 92.14, Stats, with funding source listed after each grant)

County Annual Staff and Support Grants (SEG from s. 20.115(7) (qe), Stats. and GPR from s. 20.115(7) (c), Stats.)

County Landowner Cost-Share Grants for LWRM Plan Implementation (Bond Revenue from s. 20.866(2)(we), Stats.)

County Landowner Cost-Share Grants for Nutrient Management NM Planning and NM Plan Implementation (SEG from s. 20.115(7) (qf), Stats.)

County SEG Innovation Grants (SEG from s. 20.115(7) (qf), Stats.)

Statewide Cooperator and Other Project Grants (SEG from s. 20.115(7) (qf), Stats.) including Nutrient Management Farmer Education

Grants from DNR

Cost-Sharing for Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) projects (s. 281.65, Stats.)

Cost-Sharing for Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management (UNPS & SW) projects (s. 281.66, Stats.)

NOTICE: This application is not a commitment by DATCP or DNR to provide specific funding in any grant category. The 2021-2023 biennial budget and any supplemental appropriations will determine the extent of funding available for the annual allocation and the manner in which grants may be awarded. Required lapses or reductions may lower available funding.